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1. SUMMARY: PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT TO INDONESIA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND PROMINENT. ONE MAJOR DAILY RAN A LENGTHY EDITORIAL REMINDING US THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE SERVED BY MORE FORTHCOMING US STANCE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AS WELL AS BY RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINNESS. ACTING FONMIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA TOLD REPORTERS GOI WAS STUDYING HUMAN RIGHTS CLAUSE IN US FOREIGN AID LAW AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT CONDITIONS WHICH CONSTITUED INTERFERENCE IN INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PARLIAMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED VISIT BUT ECHOED CONCERN OVER FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. MS. DERIAN'S DEPAETRUE STATEMENT WAS DISSEMINATED BY ANTARA ON JANUARY 16 AND HAS YET TO BE CARRIED BY NEWSPAPERS BUT HER AIRPORT RESPONSES TO REPORTERS ON APPLICATION OF US HOMAN RIGHTS POLICIES IN I NDONESIA QUESTION HAS RECEIVED PLAY. END SUMMARY.  
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2. JAKARTA NEWSPAPERS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO JAN.12-14 VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN. MOST PAPERS GAVE VISIT FRON PAGE TREATMENT IN TWO CON-SECUTIVE ISSUES AND INCLUDED PICTURES OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO. FREQUENTLY USED HEADLINE WAS"US IMPRESSED BY RELEASE OF 10,000 DETINESS.".

THE INFLUENTIAL SINAR HARAPAN IN A LENGTHY EDITORIAL ON US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY JAN. 13 OBSERVED THAT US EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE GREATLY AIDED BY HAVING SENIOR OFFICIALS SUCH AS MR. DERIAN WORKING EXCLUSIVELY ON THE PROBLEM. IN INDONESIA THE US HAD GREAT LEVERAGE IN THIS REGARD, IT SAID, BECAUSE OF INDONESIAN PURCHASES OF FOOD AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE US, BUT THE US HAD WISELY REFRAINED FROM TRYING TO TAKE CREDIT FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES. INDONESIA HAS A DEFINITE PROGRAM OF ITS OWN FOR FURTHER RELEASES, SAID THE PAPER, AND SHOULD NOT FEEL HURT BY FOREIGN CRITICISM OR BY SPECIAL VISITS SUCH AS THAT OF MS. DERIAN. IT CONCLUDED BY SUGGESTING THAT INDONESIA TAKE THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT TO REMIND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS A FAR LARGER MATTER THAN THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES, AND INCLUDED THE DISADVANTAGED POSITION OF DEVELOPING NATIONS IN "NORTH-SOUTH" TRADE, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FLUCTUATIONS (SUCH AS THE DOLLAR IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING), AND THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

4. RESPONDING TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS AFTER MS. DERIAN'S CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE GOI WAS STUDYING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW CLAUSE  
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IN US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS WHICH CONSTITUTED INTERFERENCE IN INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE SAID THE PL 480 (AGREEMENT SIGNED IN DECEMBER WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE NEW CLAUSE, AND WHEN ASKED ABOUT PL 480 AID IN THE COMING YEAR HE SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NEEDED. MOCHTAR REPEATED THAT THE ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES CLAIMING THAT INDONESIA SIGNING OF THE PL 480 AGREEMENT WAS AN ADMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAD BEEN EXPLICITLY DENIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN A LETTER TO THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

5. CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT'S COMMISSION I (FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE) IMRON ROSJADI ECHOED MOCHTAR'S SENTIMENTS CONCERNING INTERFERENCE IN INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUT WELCOMED MS. DERIAN'S VISIT, WHICH HE SAID COULD HELP TO ELIMINATE MISTAKEN IMPRESSIONS OF INDONESIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA WAS BASED ON PANCASILA AND COULD NOT BE MEASURED BY WESTERN STANDARDS, ADDING THAT HE HIMSELF

WAS INTERESTED IN THE SITUATION OF BALCKS AND MEXICAN  
IMMIGRANTS IN THE US.

6. MS. DERIAN'S WRITTEN DEPARTURE STATEMENT WAS  
DISSEMINATED BY ANTARA ON JANUARY 16 BUT HAS BEEN  
PICKED UP BY FEW NEWSPAPERS. THE PRESTIGIOUS KOMPAS  
DID, HOWEVER, REPORT HER ANSWERS TO PRESS QUERIES  
AT THE AIRPORT ON RELATIONSHIP OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
TO PL 480, SECURITY ASSISTANCE, AND IFI LOANS.  
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